

House Democrats Continue to Work For The People

HOUSE-PASSED LEGISLATION CONTINUES TO STALL IN THE SENATE

House Democrats have been hard at work since day one of the Majority, delivering on our For the People agenda. We've passed legislation to lower health care and prescription drug costs, raise wages, expand opportunity, tackle corruption in Washington, and protect Americans. Yet, this legislation to address the priorities of the American people continues to stall in the Senate due to GOP obstruction. [Asterisk denotes the legislation passed with bipartisan support.]

- Legislation to Protect and Expand Access to Affordable Health Care and Lower Prescription Drug Costs
 - Lower Drug Costs Now Act*
 - Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act*
 - Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act* (A Package of 7 Bills)
 - The Purple Book Continuity Act* and the Orange Book Transparency Act*
- For the People Act
- Voting Rights Amendment Act*
- Equality Act*
- American Dream and Promise Act*
- Paycheck Fairness Act*
- Bipartisan Background Checks Act*
- Enhanced Background Checks Act*
- Climate Action Now Act*
- Raise the Wage Act*
- Legislation to Secure Our Elections
 - Securing America's Federal Elections Act*
 - SHIELD Act
- Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act*
- Debbie Smith Act*
- Butch Lewis Act*
- Consumers First Act
- Save the Internet Act*
- USMCA*
- FAIR Act*
- Corporate Transparency Act*
- Insider Trading Prohibition Act*
- Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act*
- Legislation to Support Veterans, such as:
 - Veterans' Access to Child Care Act*
 - Deborah Sampson Act*
- Legislation to Block Oil and Gas Drilling in Coastal Communities and Vulnerable Ecosystems
 - Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act*
 - Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act*

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- Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act*
- Legislation to Respond to the Humanitarian Situation at the Border
 - Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act*
 - Homeland Security Improvement Act
 - U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act*
- Legislation to Protect Our Public Lands
 - Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act*
 - Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act*
 - Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act*
- Farm Workforce Modernization Act*
- Protect Against Conflict by Turkey Act*
- NATO Support Act*
- Venezuela TPS Act*
- United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act*
- BURMA Act*
- Joint Resolution opposing the President's decision to abandon our Kurdish allies in Syria*
- Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act*
- SAFE Banking Act*

HOUSE DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON LEGISLATION IN COMMITTEES

In addition to bills passed on the House Floor, House Democrats are advancing additional legislation in Committees. For example:

- Infrastructure: Multiple committees have held hearings on infrastructure, including the Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Small Business, Budget, and Energy and Commerce Committees. While the President refuses to lead on our nation's infrastructure challenges, House Democrats are ready to work in good faith on a bipartisan infrastructure package.
- Additional Action on Climate Change: The House has held over 80 hearings on the climate crisis, examining how to combat climate change, build a more resilient infrastructure, and boost the clean energy sector and creation of jobs. Democrats are continuing to advance legislation to effectively address the climate crisis.

OTHER IMPORTANT VOTES TAKEN BY HOUSE DEMOCRATS

In addition to the bills stalling in the Senate, the House has considered additional major pieces of legislation, which have been passed by the Senate and/or been enacted:

- **Funding the government:** The House passed legislation to reopen government in January. The Bipartisan Budget Agreement passed the House in July and was enacted to ensure we pay our nation's bills and help prevent another harmful shutdown. In December, the House, Senate, and Administration reached an agreement to enact all 12 appropriations bills to fund the government through the rest of the fiscal year. The legislation prevents another harmful shutdown and

included a number of critical provisions, such as funding to secure our elections, research gun violence, ensure an accurate census, and combat the opioid crisis.

- **Protecting consumers:** The House and Senate passed bipartisan legislation to crack down on unwanted robocalls. The House also passed the Taxpayer First Act to modernize the IRS and make it more consumer-friendly.
- **Promoting retirement security:** The end-of-the-year funding legislation included the SECURE Act to promote retirement security and fix a provision included in the Republican tax scam that excessively taxes Gold Star families who lost loved ones in war.
- **Protecting American jobs:** The end-of-the-year funding legislation included a long-term reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, which protects American jobs and ensures American businesses can remain competitive globally.
- **Assisting Americans recovering from natural disasters:** The Disaster Relief Act was enacted, which provided funding to help Americans recovering from disasters.
- **Standing by our first responders:** The Never Forgot the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act was enacted to ensure that 9/11 first responders have the resources they were promised.
- **Strengthening national security:** The National Defense Authorization Act and the Intelligence Authorization for Fiscal Year 2020 were adopted by both chambers and signed into law. The NDAA included paid parental leave for federal employees. The House passed a resolution directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in Yemen, which was considered by the Senate. The House also passed three Senate resolutions disapproving of arms sales to Saudi Arabia.
- **Providing humanitarian assistance:** The House and Senate passed legislation to provide funding for humanitarian assistance at the Southern Border, which was enacted.
- **Defending human rights:** After previously taking action on this issue, the House passed Senate legislation condemning the Chinese government crackdown on the protests in Hong Kong.
- **Protecting public lands:** The National Resources Management Act, a conservation and public lands package that includes permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), was enacted.
- **Helping our veterans:** The House passed the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, which was enacted and provides VA benefits to servicemembers who served in the territorial waters of Vietnam and were exposed to Agent Orange.
- **Strengthening higher education:** The House passed the FUTURE Act, which was signed into law and will provide funding to HBCUs and Minority Serving Institutions.